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CHAMPIONSHIP RACING



INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

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** WARNING - Seizures**

Some people (about 1 in 4000) may have seizures or black outs triggered by light flashes, such as while watching TV or playing video games, even if they have never had a seizure before.

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**Convulsions**  
**Altered vision**

**Eye or muscle twitching**  
**Involuntary movements**

**Loss of awareness**  
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To reduce the likelihood of a seizure when playing video games:

1. Sit or stand as far from the screen as possible.
2. Play video games on the smallest available television screen.
3. Do not play if you are tired or need sleep.
4. Play in a well-lit room.
5. Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour.

## **WARNING - Repetitive Motion Injuries**

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- Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour, even if you don't think you need it.
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WHICH REQUIRES A GAME BOY® ADVANCE  
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**THIS GAME PAK WILL WORK ONLY WITH THE  
GAME BOY® ADVANCE VIDEO GAME SYSTEM.**

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## GETTING STARTED

- 1 Turn OFF the power switch on your Nintendo® Game Boy® Advance. Never insert or remove a Game Pak when the power is on.
- 2 Insert the Game Pak of GT Advance Championship Racing into the slot on the Game Boy Advance. To lock the Game Pak in place, press firmly.
- 3 Turn ON the POWER switch. The credit screens will appear (if you don't see them, begin again at step 1).
- 4 When the title screen appears, press START to proceed to the Main Menu.



## CONTROLS

### MENU NAVIGATION

BUTTON	ACTION
Control Pad	Highlight menu selections
A Button	Confirm selection
B Button	Return to previous menu

### GAME CONTROLS

BUTTON	ACTION
Control Pad (Left/Right)	Steer (Left/Right)
A Button	Accelerate
B Button	Brake
R Button	Shift Up (Manual Transmission)
L Button	Shift Down (Manual Transmission)
START	Pause the game

## MAIN MENU

All of the game modes and options can be accessed from the Main Menu.

**Championship** – The main one-player game: compete through a season of courses to unlock hidden cars and upgrades. See page 16 for more information.

**Quick Race** – Don't have enough time for a season? Compete for first place in a quick race. See page 18.

**Time Attack** – Challenge the best times for each course. See TIME ATTACK on page 18 for more information.



**Practice** – Not able to beat the best? Use the Practice mode to become accustomed to a car's handling before heading to a course.

**Extra 1** – Race through the Championship mode to unlock an extra game mode.

**Extra 2** – Unlock another hidden game mode in the Championship mode.

**VS** – Choose VS for some 2-player, head-to-head action! See page 19 for more information.

## **OPTIONS MENU**

Customize the game settings.

**Records** – View your best lap times from the Time Attack mode.

**Password** – Load a previously saved game. See SAVING AND

LOADING on page 22 for more information.

## **SOUND**

Alter the following sound options.

**Music** – Toggle the in-game music ON or OFF.

**Sound Effects** – Select a number and press the A Button to listen to the sound effect.

**BGM Test** – Select a number and press the A Button to listen to the background music.

## PLAYING A GAME



Select a game mode from the Main Menu to begin a game. In Championship mode, you must select a class to race in before heading to the Garage.

### GARAGE

When not racing, the Garage is where you will spend the rest of your time fine-tuning the cars. You can make adjustments to your car, select a new car, or head to the racetrack from the Garage.

**Go To Race** – Take your selected car to the track for some high-speed racing.

**Car Select** – Choose a vehicle from the available list of cars.

**1st** First select a manufacturer and press the A Button.

**2nd** Next, scroll through the available cars by pressing LEFT/RIGHT on the Control Pad, then press the A Button to confirm. You can change the car's body color by pressing



UP/DOWN. Each car will handle differently on the track – use the following variables to make your selection:

**Handling** – The more handling a car has, the better it will control through the corners and turns.

**Top Speed** – The higher the top speed, the faster a car will go.

**Acceleration** – A car with high acceleration will be quicker off the line.

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**3rd** Finally, choose to have an Automatic (AT) or Manual (MT) transmission by pressing LEFT/RIGHT on the Control Pad.

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**4th** When done, press the A Button to continue. Press the B Button at any time to return to the previous menu.

**Tuning** – Fine-tune your car before heading to the track. Upgrades will not be available until you've unlocked them in the Championship mode. When an area of the car can be upgraded, a black star will appear above the car part. Use the Control Pad to highlight the car part and press the A Button to select it. Now press RIGHT on the Control Pad to upgrade the part. The car parts available to upgrade are listed on the next page.

**Engine** – Increase your top speed.

**Suspension** – Gain an advantage in handling and top speed.

**Muffler** – Add a little more to your top speed.

**Grip** – Increase the car's handling.

**CPU** – Add top speed and acceleration with a computer chip.

**Weight** – Replace the stock body with a lightweight body for better handling.

**Seat** – A racing seat will help you control the car better.

**Filter** – A high performance air filter will help your acceleration off the line.

**Aerodynamics** – Add the high performance body kit to increase handling and top speed, and to change your car's appearance.

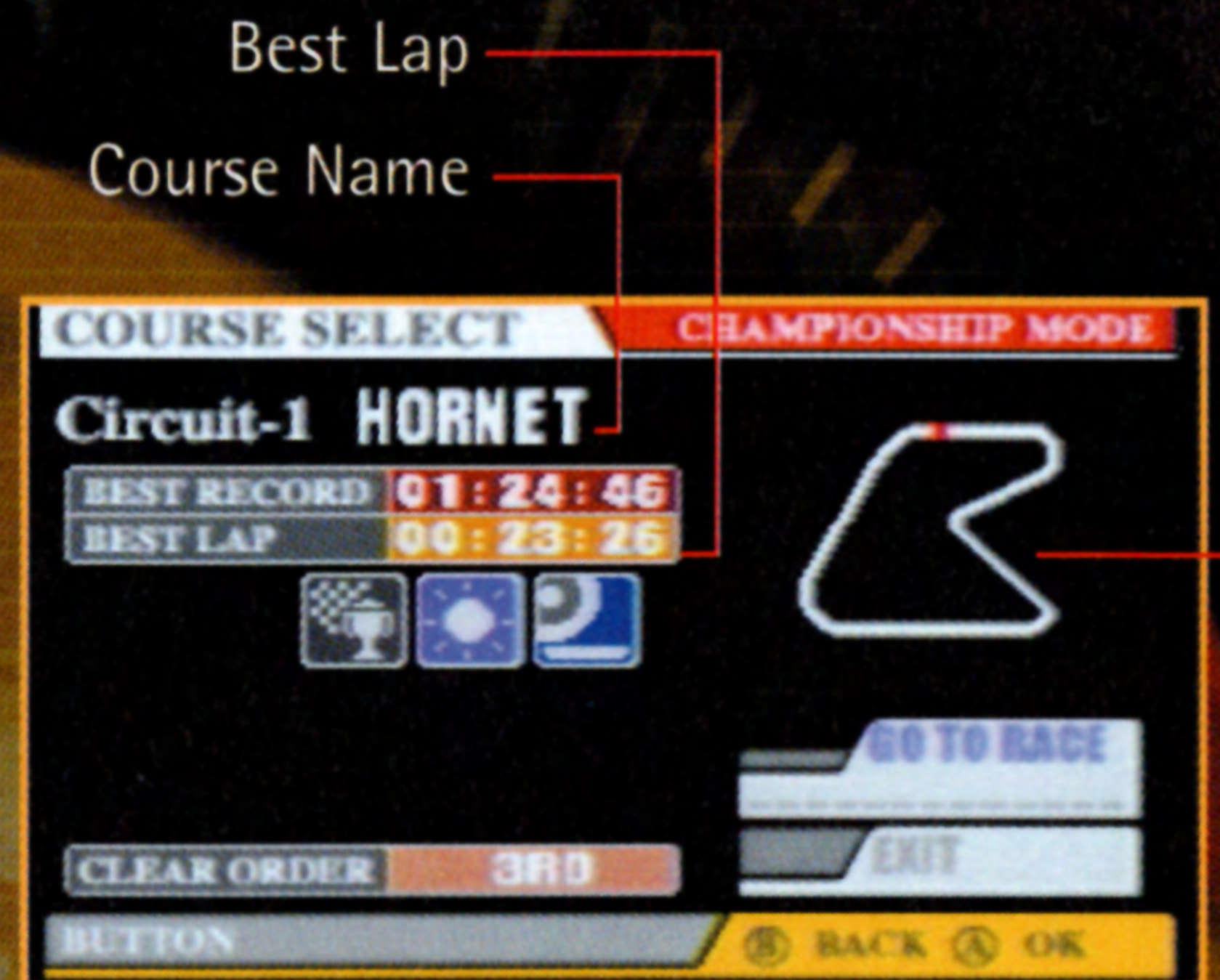
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## COURSE SELECT

After selecting GO TO RACE from the Garage, you will be able to choose a racetrack to compete on. To unlock more courses, compete in the Championship mode.

Use the Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT to cycle through the available courses. Be sure GO TO RACE is highlighted, then press the A Button to confirm. Select EXIT to return to the previous screen.

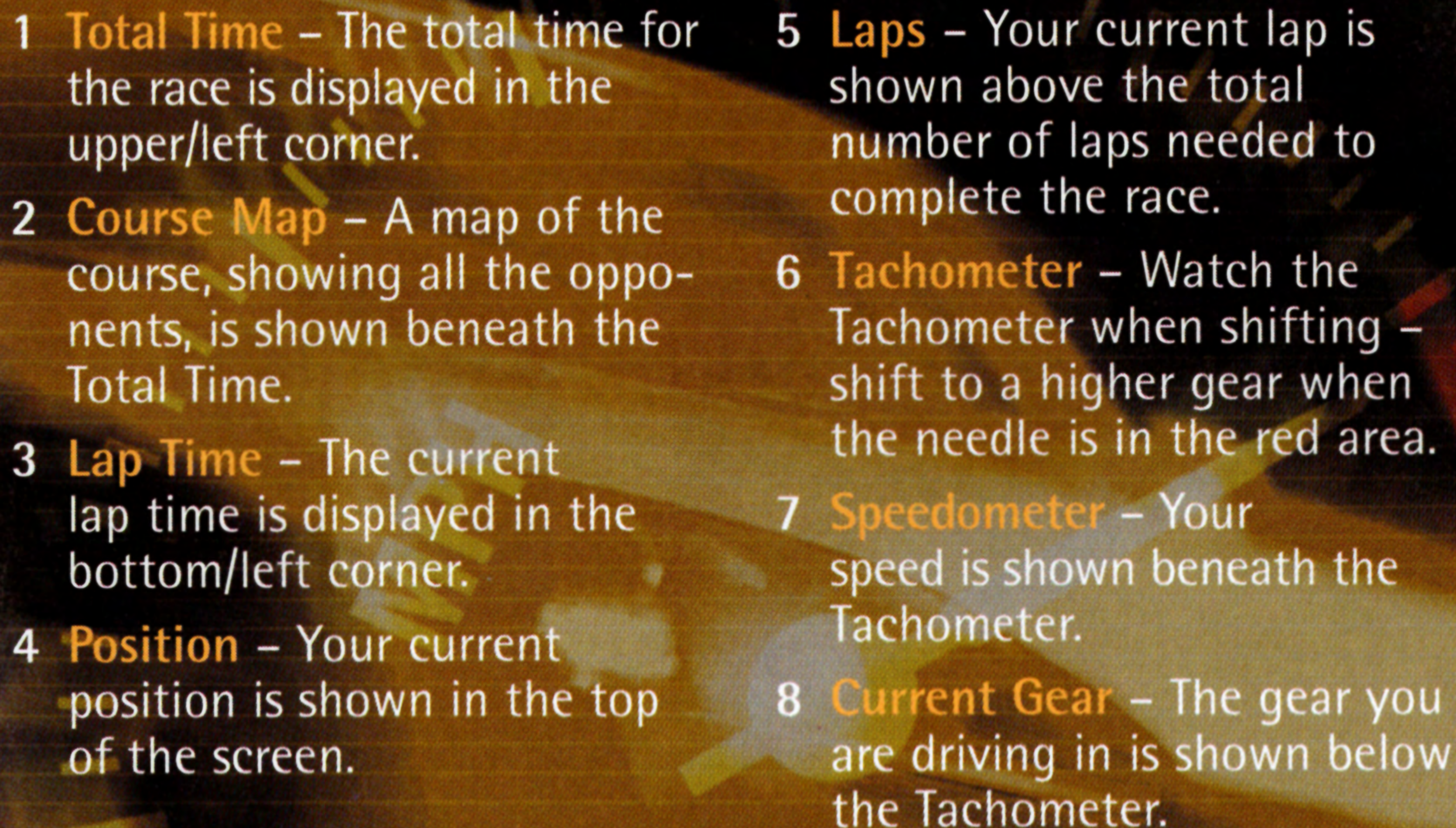


## THE GAME SCREEN

Wait for the green light before accelerating. Once the race is underway, important information will be displayed on the game screen.

Hint: Time your acceleration just right at the start of the race to get a boost of speed!



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- 1 **Total Time** – The total time for the race is displayed in the upper/left corner.
  - 2 **Course Map** – A map of the course, showing all the opponents, is shown beneath the Total Time.
  - 3 **Lap Time** – The current lap time is displayed in the bottom/left corner.
  - 4 **Position** – Your current position is shown in the top of the screen.
  - 5 **Laps** – Your current lap is shown above the total number of laps needed to complete the race.
  - 6 **Tachometer** – Watch the Tachometer when shifting – shift to a higher gear when the needle is in the red area.
  - 7 **Speedometer** – Your speed is shown beneath the Tachometer.
  - 8 **Current Gear** – The gear you are driving in is shown below the Tachometer.

## PAUSING THE GAME

Press START at any time to pause the game and access the following options.

**Cancel** – Return to the race!

**Restart** – Start the race over from the beginning.

**Retire** – Quit the race.



## THE RESULTS

At the end of a race, the Results will appear showing your lap times, total race time, and ranking. Press the A Button to advance to the Garage.

RESULTS		CHAMPIONSHIP MODE
LAP 1	00:41:78	RANKING 8th
LAP 2	00:34:00	
LAP 3	00:35:65	
TOTAL	01:51:43	
BUTTON		A OK

# GAME MODES



## CHAMPIONSHIP

The Championship mode is the main one-player game. While playing through a Championship season, you will be able to unlock new cars, better parts, and additional race tracks – all of which can be used in the other game modes!



## CLASS SELECT

When entering the Championship mode, you will need to determine the difficulty level by selecting a class to race in. Choose from Easy (Beginner's Class) to hard (Professional

Class). The more difficult classes will not be selectable until you've completed the easier classes.

After selecting a class, you will enter the Garage. In addition to the standard information, the Garage in Championship mode also shows statistics on your car collection and the stages you've been able to complete.

**Car Collection** – Although you begin with 14 selectable cars, you will be able to unlock more cars for a total of 48 playable cars in GT Advance

Championship Racing! The number you've unlocked is shown in the bottom/left corner of the Garage screen.

**Clear Stage** – Each completed stage will turn on a light next to the class it was completed in. If you came in first, a gold light will appear. Silver will be displayed for 2nd place, and bronze for 3rd place. Try to get the gold in every stage to unlock as many cars and parts as possible!

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Note: For more information on the Garage options, see PLAYING A GAME on page 6.

## QUICK RACE

The quick race mode allows you to compete in one race at a time. Choose from any of the cars, upgrades and tracks already unlocked in the Championship mode before competing for first place!

## TIME ATTACK

Try to beat your best times on any of the available courses. Select a car and make adjustments to its tuning before selecting a course.

Hint: Sometimes a car with better handling will give you a faster lap time than a car with a higher top speed.

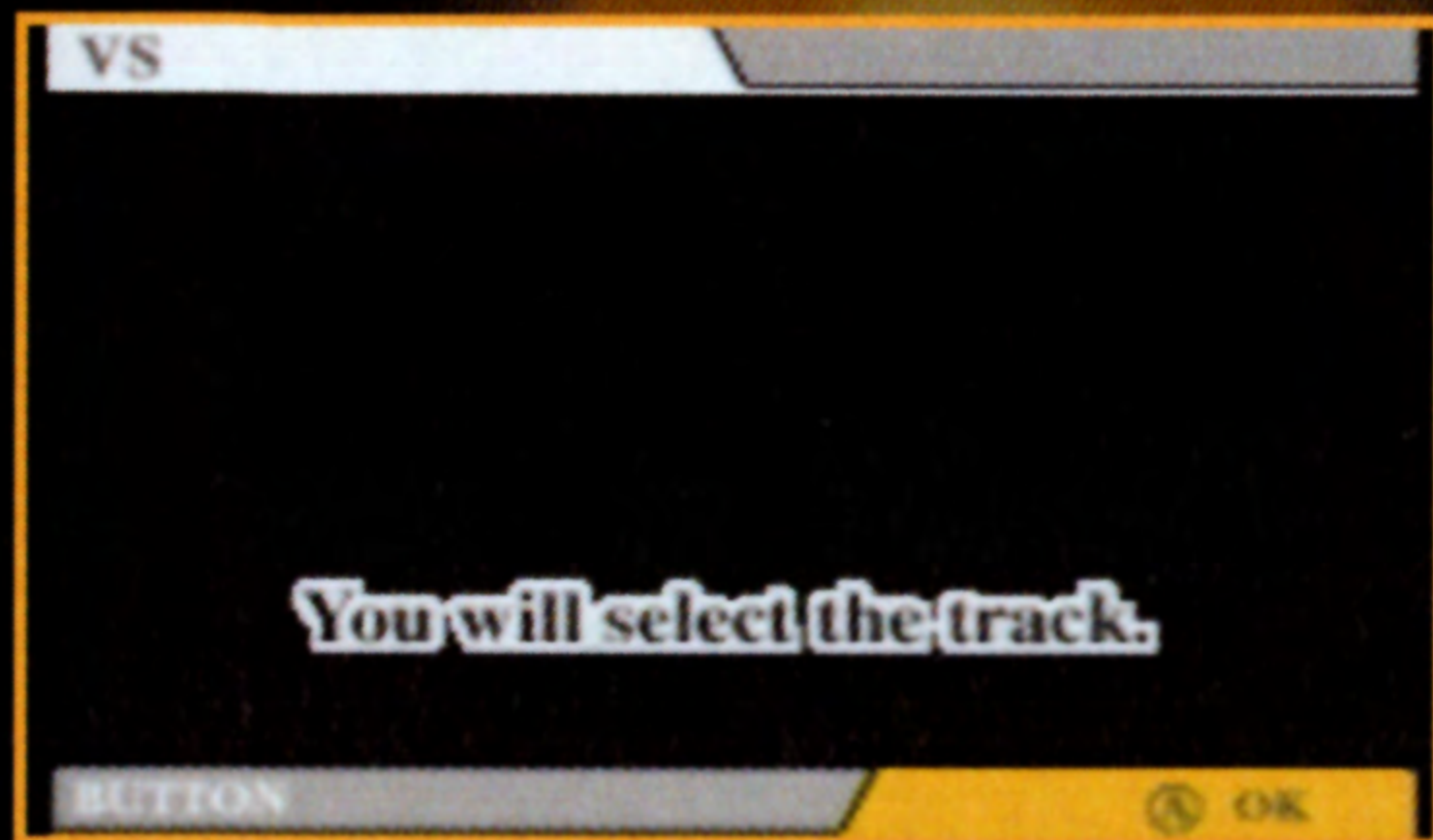


## PRACTICE

The Practice mode allows you to take any car onto a test drive course to learn how it accelerates and corners. There is no time limit and you can drive anywhere on the course to test the limits of your car.

## VS

In order to play head-to-head against another player, you will each need a Game Boy® Advance system and a copy of GT Advance Championship Racing. Also, one Game Link® cable is needed to connect the two Game Boy Advance systems together. See the next page for VS Setup information.



## VS SETUP

The player that selects VS from the Main Menu will be in control and will be the only player able to select a course to race on.

After selecting VS, each player will advance to the Garage.

Select your cars and upgrades as you would for any other game mode, then press the A Button.

When both players have completed making their selections in the Garage, they will continue to the Course Select screen. After the player in control selects a course, both players will head to the starting line to begin the race.

## AFTER A RACE

When a player is the first car over the finish line, the race will be over. You will automatically return to the Course Select screen. The player in control can choose another course to race on, or either player can press the B Button to return to the Garage and select another car.

## SAVING AND LOADING

GT Advance Championship Racing uses a password system to save and load the game data.

### SAVING A GAME

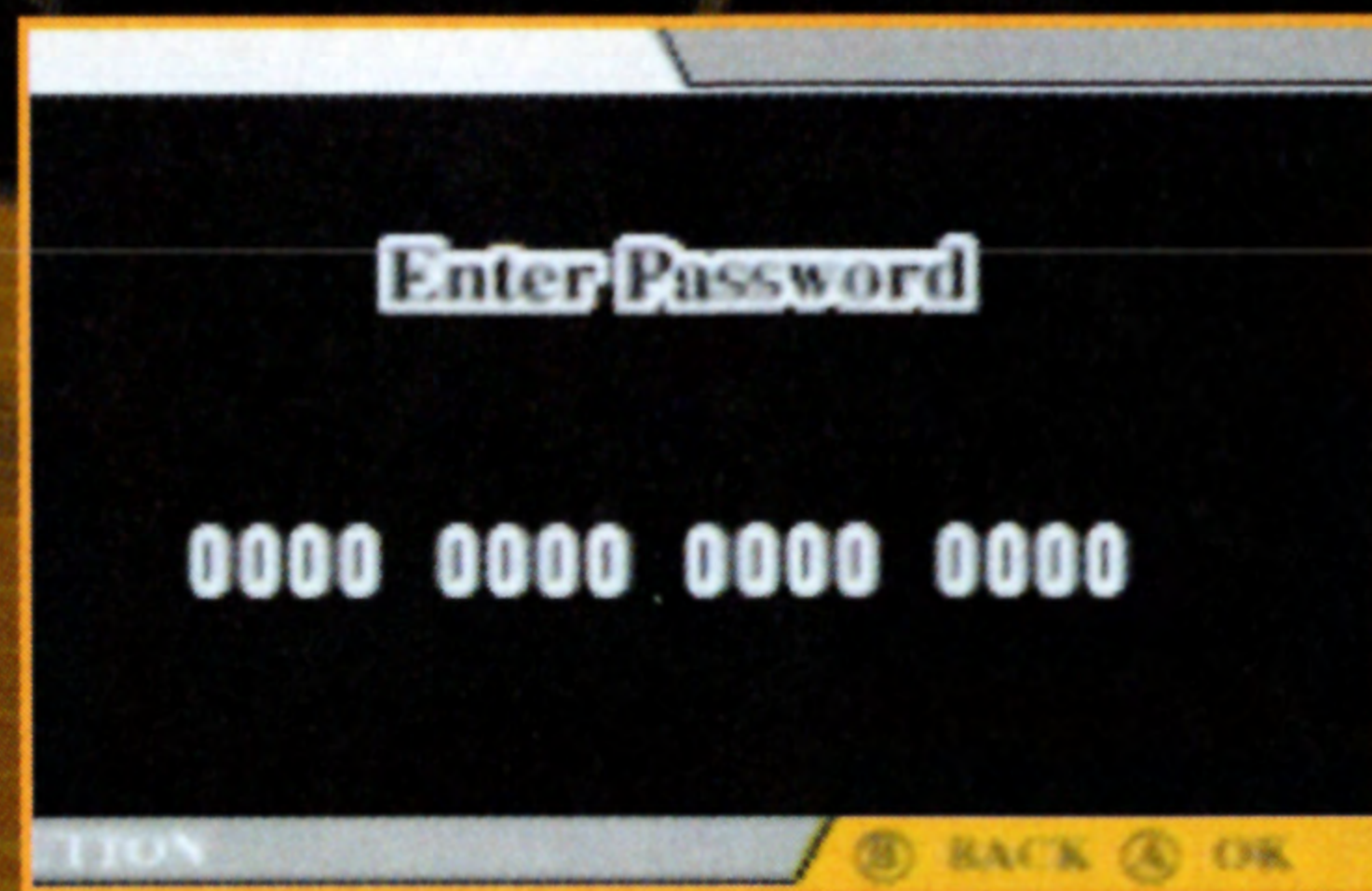
Exit the Championship mode and choose RETRIEVE PASSWORD from the Options Menu to view your password for the current game. Be sure to write the password down exactly as it's shown for future reference!



## LOADING A GAME

To load a previously saved game, select ENTER PASSWORD from the Options Menu. Now use the Control Pad to highlight a letter and press the Control Pad RIGHT. Select the second letter and continue the process until the password is complete. Now select OK by pressing the A Button.

If correct, you will return to the season mode with all of the cars, parts and courses you've previously earned. If incorrect, you will automatically return to the Main Menu.



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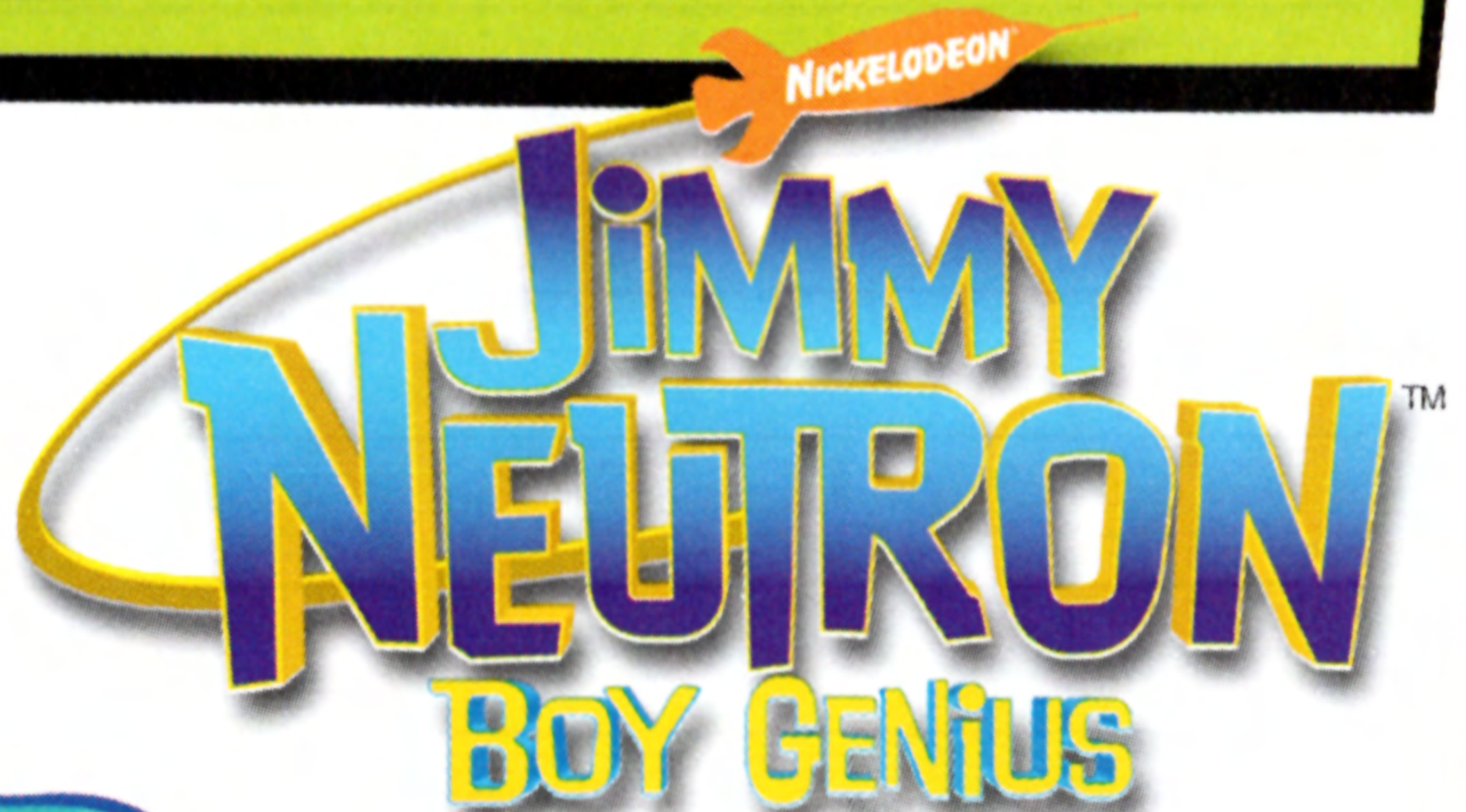
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